

# Sunburst

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## Briefly

### School registration

The Holloman Primary School kindergarten orientation is from 8:30 to 9 a.m., May 6 and registration is from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Bring the child's birth certificate, social security card and immunization records. Children must be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2004 to attend kindergarten.

### Chili cook-off

The Holloman Middle School National Junior Honor Society and the Parent Teacher Activity Committee sponsor a chili cook-off from 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday at the Holloman Middle School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$3 and are available through PTAC and NJHS members.

For more information, call Silvia Papp at 479-3033 or Crystal Calloway at 479-0263.

### Sports physical day

The pediatric clinic has a sports physical day from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the pediatric clinic April 23.

Appointments can be made by calling 572-2778 option 2.

### Wear it or Walk

The 49th Fighter Wing is kicking off its Wear it or Walk seat belt safety campaign Wednesday to meet Air Combat Command's 99 percent seat belt compliance goal and to keep the Airman at Holloman safe. The 49th Security Forces Squadron will set up check points at random to check for compliance.

## MDG officer paves way for patients

by Ms. Tara Teichgraeber  
*TriWest communications*

The 49th Medical Group chief of medical staff is making a difference for patients across the Air Force who have carpal tunnel syndrome.

Lt. Col. Royal Garner teamed with TriWest medical directors to help a Team Holloman member get approval for CTS surgery. Colonel Garner was able to make changes and improve the process of CTS surgery authorization procedures.

"It's now easier for all physicians in the TriWest region to get approval for this surgical procedure," he said. "We were very pleased we could make a difference in improving patient care."

The team reduced a four-page certificate of medical necessity with 30 checklist items down to one page with seven checklist items, yet still maintained the guidelines required under TRICARE cost management. Authorized providers must complete the certificate before treatment can be approved under TRICARE.

"This happens everyday," says Dr. Brian Casull, Corporate Medical Director for TriWest's health care services management department in Phoenix. "We look at what we're doing and redevelop when we can. It's all part of the process to have the best policy document in place and be responsive to the end user."

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Alan Port

## Eggscellent

Lynn Port, 1, collected eggs in her Easter basket Saturday during the base-wide egg hunt sponsored by the community center. About 400 children hunted more than 10,000 eggs.



High: 85  
Low: 48  
TODAY



High: 84  
Low: 52  
SATURDAY



High: 80  
Low: 50  
SUNDAY



High: 82  
Low: 44  
MONDAY

Weather forecast provided by the 49th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight

# Red Horse commander: Are you a cut above?

by Col. Bob Staib

1st Expeditionary Red Horse Group commander

When the 819th Red Horse Squadron was reactivated in August 1997, the unit adopted the squadron motto: Unity, Teamwork, Commitment. Shortly after assuming command, I realized this motto had drifted away. So I brought it back, shuffled the deck and turned the words around to Commitment, Unity, Teamwork. In effect, I took the first letter of each word and added a slogan ... "a CUT above."

I must admit this initially was just a catchy way to reflect our squadron motto and make it easier to remember. However, after further reflection on these three words, I realized that commitment, unity and teamwork really form the building blocks of success for our Air Force.

COMMITMENT means being dedicated to a cause. In the armed forces, it is called service to our country and dedication to the cause of freedom. The success of any team or unit requires the individual commitment

of its members. If the individuals are not committed, then the team has little chance for success.

Commitment requires us to adhere to our Air Force core values of Integrity, Service Before Self and Excellence In All We Do.

I have a motivational art picture on my office wall with the word "commitment" which is clearly illustrated by the accompanying quote from our president after the fateful day on Sept. 11, 2001: "We will not waver; we will not tire; we will not falter; we will not fail."

Commitment is the foundation of success, but without bringing that commitment together in unity, we'll just have a chaotic bunch of individuals without a sense of coordinated purpose.

UNITY is singleness of purpose and focus. It is the pulling together of individuals in the realization that the whole is greater than the sum of each individual part.

Unity implies agreement. It is the acknowledgment of an established bond so the unit can forge together,

as one, toward the goal.

Sun Tzu, the ancient Chinese war philosopher described the ultimate value of unity this way: "He whose ranks are united in purpose will be victorious."

Once you've gotten personal commitment from the members, and the members come together in unity, the third building block is teamwork.

TEAMWORK means working together to get the job done.

Teamwork implies unselfish dedication and effort for the betterment of the team, rather than individual glory.

Teamwork needs to take place on all levels. It must occur between individuals, within and throughout the unit and between units as part of a bigger team, whether a wing, a major command or the entire Air Force.

When you've achieved all these building blocks — individual commitment, coming together in unity, displaying unselfish teamwork — then you, your unit and our Air Force will truly be a CUT above.

## How's your drinking water?

by Capt. Aries Ganir

49th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron

The greatest advancement in modern dental health has been the use of fluoride in water. No other single factor has reduced the number of dental cavities than water fluoridation.

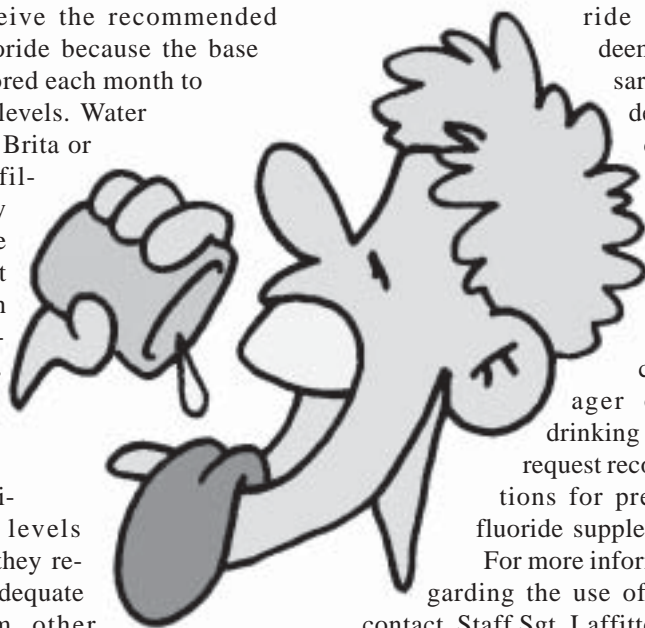
Although most people know fluoridation is good, most don't realize the water they're drinking probably has no fluoride supplement. People who drink most brands of bottled water, or use the reverse osmosis systems are drinking water without adequate levels of fluoride.

Drinking water with fluoride is especially important for young children. The use of fluoride in the early years while the teeth are still forming will greatly increase resistance to dental decay.

People who live on base and drink

tap water receive the recommended amount of fluoride because the base water is monitored each month to ensure proper levels. Water filters, such as Brita or carbon block filters, generally don't remove fluoride, but checking with the manufacturer is always recommended.

Individuals who drink water without optimal fluoride levels should ensure they receive the adequate amounts from other sources. For adults this includes using the fluoride toothpaste twice a day, over-the-counter fluoride mouth rinses, and fluo-



ride gels if deemed necessary by your dentist. For children, parents should inform their primary health care manager of water drinking habits and request recommendations for prescription fluoride supplements.

For more information regarding the use of fluoride, contact Staff Sgt. Laffitte, Preventive Dentistry NCO in charge at the Holloman Dental Clinic, 572-3742 or visit [www.ada.org](http://www.ada.org).

## DUI Update

Days since last DUI	<b>5</b>
DUIs this year	<b>18</b>
This week last year	<b>12</b>

### Last six DUIs

• 49 CS	April 11
• 49 CES	March 27
• 49 OSS*	March 22
• 49 MMS	Feb. 21
• 8 AMU	Feb. 16
• 49 MMS	Feb. 13

## 572-RIDE works!

Calls made are lives saved

**377** Saves this year  
**14** Saves this week



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# CTS *Continued from Page One*

CTS develops when the median nerve serving the middle three fingers is compressed repetitively or for long periods of time. The compression reduces blood supply to the nerve, can cause localized swelling and eventually leads to excess deposits of collagen. Collagen deposits may further compress the nerve, decrease sensation and create pain or weakness in the hand and wrist.

The syndrome is associated with clumsy grasping ability and pain that wakes the sufferer from sleep, said Dr. Richard McDermott, TriWest medical director.

“We cut the paperwork and cut the red tape,” said Ms. Mary Love, TriWest clinical communications coordinator and a registered nurse. “The MTF said something wasn’t working. We said ‘ok.’ We re-drafted the process, sent it to them and they approved. Now it’s what we use... The important part was bringing the doctors into the process to collaborate with us.”

The U.S. Bureau of Labor



Courtesy photo

## An x-ray reveals carpal tunnel syndrome in a patient.

Statistics reported in 1994 that roughly 14 percent of all injuries and illnesses in private industry can be attributed to repetitive motion. Carpal Tunnel Syndrome is the most common.

The good news is that the

rate of wrist injuries has decreased steadily among private industry. In 1992, the rate was 14.7 cases per 10,000 workers, according to the Department of Labor. The rate in 2001 was just 8.7 cases per 10,000 workers.



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from April 6 to Monday.

### Tickets

Security forces issued 19 tickets: one for limitations on backing, one for criminal damage to property, one for expired insurance, three for no insurance, five for no registration, one for license plate registration tag obstructed by frame, one for failure to yield, one for stopped vehicle not to interfere with other traffic, one for inoperable tail lights, one for careless driving, two for careless driving resulting in an accident and one for speeding 11 to 15 mph over the speed limit.

### Damage

April 5 – An Airman reported vandalism in

a dayroom in dorm 333.

April 5 – An NCO reported her vehicle was damaged in the building 15 parking lot.

April 5 – There was a minor accident on Delaware Avenue between a government-owned vehicle and a privately-owned vehicle.

April 6 – There was a minor accident between two privately owned vehicles on Nellis Place.

April 7 – A window was damaged at the Self Help store.

April 7 – There was a minor accident when a government-owned vehicle struck a fixed object.

April 9 – An NCO reported damage to a door in building 310.

April 11 – An Airman reported his privately owned vehicle was damaged on Mesquite Road.

### Patrol response

April 7 – There was a domestic disturbance in base housing.

### Civil arrest

April 11 – An Airman was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving on U.S. 70.

# Base bites back at mosquitoes

by Ms. Laura Pellegrino  
*Sunburst staff writer*

Now that spring has arrived, Team Holloman is enjoying warmer weather. With the warm weather comes something less enjoyable: mosquitoes.

Mosquitoes can carry several diseases, including West Nile Virus and St. Louis encephalitis.

There are steps Team Holloman members can take to decrease the mosquito population and reduce the spread of these diseases, said Capt. Janet West, Holloman Public Health chief.

"A good way to lower the mosquito population is for in-

dividuals to get rid of any containers that collect water," Captain West said. "Mosquitoes breed in standing water, and if there's no standing water, there's no place for them to lay their eggs."

Children's swimming pools should be emptied and refilled, not left filled with water, Captain West said. Tires, buckets, birdbaths and rain gutters are all items that should be kept clean and clear of water.

"Water only has to stand for a day or two and they'll lay their eggs," the Captain said.

People should also keep their grass cut short and avoid over-watering, said Mr. Don

Carlton, pest management supervisor.

"Mosquitoes like to rest in wet grass," he said. "When people walk out into the grass they kick up a swarm of bugs."

The pest management team has already set up mosquito magnets, which attract and trap the bugs. Although the trapping and testing of bugs began in March, the worst time for mosquitoes is the monsoon season in July.

Once mosquitoes are trapped in the mosquito magnet they are sent to a lab and tested for diseases. Last year, the base tested positive for West Nile Virus, said Mr. Carlton.

If any Team Holloman member finds a dead bird that could have been killed by West Nile Virus, such as a raven, crow or bird of prey, they should call the pest management team at 572-7170. Sparrows and other small birds can't be infected by the disease and don't need to be reported.

For more information, go to <https://holloman-web/msg/ces/Operations/entomology/index.html> or call 572-7170.



Photo by Ms. Laura Pellegrino

**Don Carlton, 49th Civil Engineer Pest Management supervisor, inspects a mosquito magnet. The magnet is used to attract and trap mosquitoes, which are then sent to a lab and tested for diseases.**

## Keep bugs off

- Avoid outdoor activities during dusk and dawn or wear long sleeves and pants during those times.

- Use insect repellents that contain DEET. Adults should use a concentration of up to 35 percent. Children should use a concentration of no more than 10 percent. Skin-so-Soft and baby oils are barriers and do not kill mosquitoes.

- Ensure window and door screens are in good working order.

- Remove stagnant or pooling water from around the house and yard. Toys, wading pools, birdbaths, and empty bottles are potential reservoirs for mosquitoes. Unclog and clean rain gutters periodically.

- Keep lawns and shrubs trimmed and don't water excessively.

# Holloman members celebrate Earth Day

*Compiled from a news release from the Alamogordo Earth Day Committee.*

Butterflies, live cultural entertainment, an Earth Day Science Fair, recreational activities and an Alamogordo landmark join forces for the 10th annual Community Earth Day Fair, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 24 at the Alameda Park Zoo.

“The fair is a combination of educational and recreational activities designed to inform, enlighten and entertain attendees of all ages and interests,” said Mr. Chuck Galusha, Community Earth Day Fair Committee chairman. “Children can enjoy supervised activities all day.”

Team Holloman members are also contributing to the event, said Mr. Michael Jago, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron physical scientist and Earth Day volunteer.

Basic Expeditionary Airfield Resource Base is contributing tents for the children’s events and 49th CES Environmental Flight is providing a display on recycling and Holloman’s natural resources.

The German air force is also volunteering its time to make the event a success.

According to Mr. Jago, Holloman members should celebrate Earth Day as a reminder that the world belongs to future generations and should be respected.

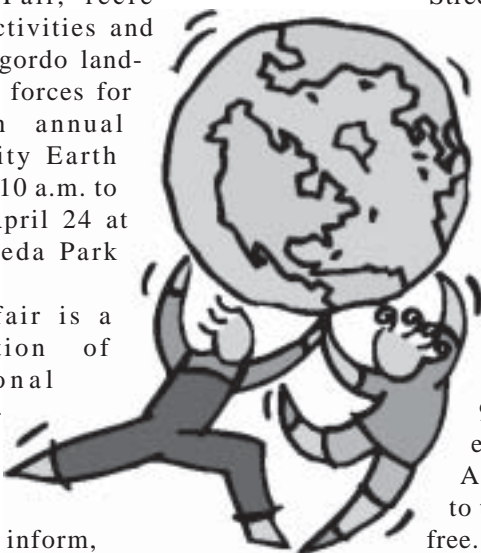
“Earth Day is a moment to look forward, not back,” Mr. Jago said. “Unlike other events that mark a past achievement or event, Earth Day is to remind us to be

good stewards for the future. Our job is to manage our resources so there is plentiful clean water, air and energy.”

The entrance to Alameda Park Zoo is located on 10th Street, just west

of the intersection at North White Sands Blvd. The zoo features 300 animals representing more than 90 different species. Admission to the event is free.

For more information, call Mr. Galusha at 434-6296.



**Event features:**

- Live entertainment, including an Ecuadorian techno-folk band
- The release of more than 1,000 live butterflies at 11 a.m.
- A short play by a bilingual class from Sacramento Elementary School
- Booths on alternative fuel vehicles, alternative energy, low water plants and the arts
- Exhibits by White Sands National Monument and Oliver Lee Memorial State Park
- A hands-on archeological exhibit on the history of Fort Bliss and other archeological exhibits
- The “Van of Enchantment” from The Museum of New Mexico
- A full-sized hang-glider trainer
- Diabetes and other health screenings
- A one-mile walk sponsored by Walk Otero





Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

## STEP up

Tech. Sgt. David Hawkyard, 49th Maintenance Squadron assistant inspection section chief, inspects the main landing gear uplock lever assembly on the F-117A Nighthawk. Sergeant Hawkyard received a Stripes for Exceptional Performers promotion from Gen. Hal Hornburg, commander of Air Combat Command, March 18.

# Holloman Salutes

The following airmen re-enlisted in March:

### **49th Fighter Wing**

Staff Sgt. Tamica Harris  
Tech Sgt. Felicia Collins-Mula  
Tech Sgt. Alicia Lewis

### **49th Maintenance Squadron**

Master Sgt. Calvin Mcharness  
Master Sgt. Brian Risner  
Senior Tech Sgt. Robert Anderson  
Tech Sgt. Brook Bartz  
Tech Sgt. Edward Bolt  
Tech Sgt. John Bratton  
Tech Sgt. Robert Ruediger  
Tech Sgt. Lewis Thomas  
Tech Sgt. Jeffrey Tomasek  
Staff Sgt. Clifford Benson  
Staff Sgt. Robert Chapman  
Staff Sgt. Scott Daniels  
Staff Sgt. Lee Elrod  
Staff Sgt. Chad Gartman  
Staff Sgt. Christopher Knowlton  
Staff Sgt. David Pote  
Senior Airman Brett Bernhardt

### **49th Operations Support Squadron**

Tech Sgt. Lloyd Gross  
Staff Sgt. Bryan Greenwood

### **49th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron**

Tech Sgt. Douglas Lacey

### **49th Security Forces Squadron**

Master Sgt. Dennis Dobbins

### **49th Civil Engineer Squadron**

Master Sgt. Troy Kohlieber  
Tech Sgt. Ricky Johnson  
Staff Sgt. Michael Morris  
Senior Airman John Philip Dejesus

### **49th Maintenance Operations Squadron**

Senior Airman Anthony Crace

### **49th Medical Operations Squadron**

Tech Sgt. Catrina Crayton

### **4th Space Control Squadron**

Master Sgt. Thomas Sitzler  
Tech Sgt. Gary Chappell  
Tech Sgt. Eduardo Marroquin  
Tech Sgt. Ted Waller  
Staff Sgt. Joseph Bireault

### **49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron**

Senior Airman Ryan Dunlevy  
Staff Sgt. Travis Chaney  
Staff Sgt. Donald Walden  
Tech Sgt. Anthony Mula  
Tech Sgt. Jerome Redulla  
Master Sgt. Jason Peters

### **49th Logistics**

#### **Readiness Squadron**

Master Sgt. John Foster  
Tech Sgt. Gabino Montoya  
Tech Sgt. Josh Williamson  
Staff Sgt. Carlo Aquino  
Staff Sgt. Wayne Gutierrez  
Staff Sgt. Marc Long  
Senior Airman Darnell Carter  
Senior Airman Eric Mensch

### **49th Materiel**

#### **Maintenance Squadron**

Senior Master Sgt. John Etter  
Tech Sgt. Javier Cruz  
Tech Sgt. Daniel Martinez  
Tech Sgt. Charles Spain

### **49th Contracting Squadron**

Staff Sgt. Vernon Verschelden

### **20th Fighter Squadron**

Tech Sgt. Marsha Shaw

### **49th Comptroller Squadron**

Master Sgt. Donald Cholewa

### **49th Communications Squadron**

Staff Sgt. Joseph Gonzales  
Senior Airman James Christian  
Senior Airman Jessica Velasquez

### **49th Materiel Maintenance Support Squadron**

Master Sgt. Cynthia Ward  
Master Sgt. Jeffrey Williams  
Tech Sgt. Purnell Page  
Tech Sgt. Kurt Teeter  
Staff Sgt. Michael Marrero  
Staff Sgt. Melissa Shiroka  
Senior Airman Einar Valerde

### **49th Medical Support Squadron**

Master Sgt. Karen Ansell

### **49th Maintenance Group**

Tech Sgt. Janice Fender  
Tech Sgt. Gregory Sinclair

### **49th Services Squadron**

Master Sgt. James Segler  
Tech Sgt. Oliver Martin  
Staff Sgt. Careen Beard

### **7th Combat Training Squadron**

Tech Sgt. Jeffrey Kleinbauer

### **8th Fighter Squadron**

Tech Sgt. Barbara Booth

### **846th Test Squadron**

Staff Sgt. Jason Alvarado

### **9th Fighter Squadron**

Senior Airman Jerry Rivera

### **53rd Test and Evaluation Group, Det. 1**

Master Sgt. Tammie Latson

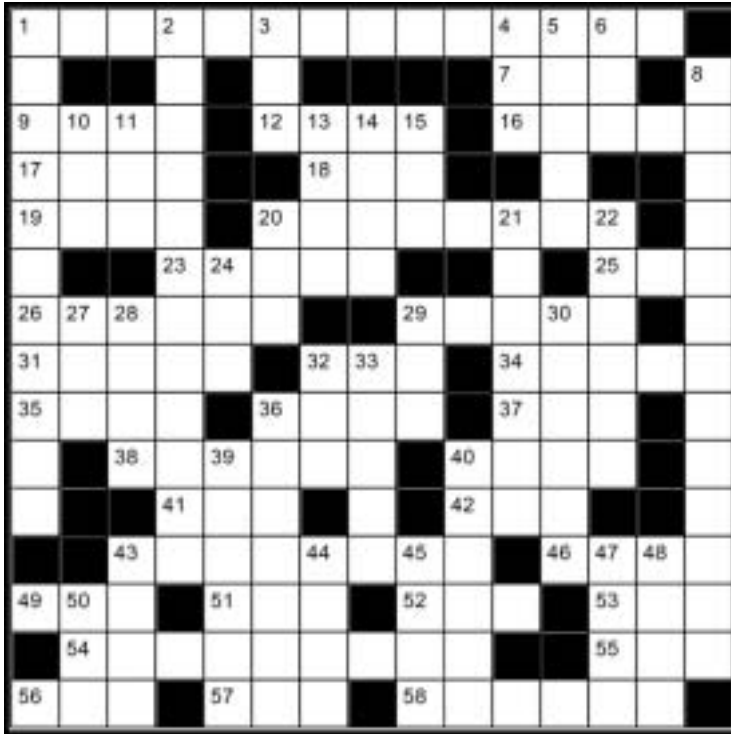
# Hometown USAF (Vol. 7)

ACROSS

- 1. North Carolina AFB home to 4th FW; a/c tail marking of SJ
- 7. Used to indicate understanding of a statement
- 9. Org. concerned with civil liberties
- 12. Singer Fitzgerald
- 16. (Army) NASCAR driver
- 17. Light up a sign?
- 18. Basketball play, alley-\_\_\_\_
- 19. Used as an escape?
- 20. Mississippi AFB home to 14th FTW; a/c tail marking of CB
- 23. Heart artery
- 25. Center of activity
- 26. Keeness
- 29. Michael Jackson informally
- 31. French and Trumpet
- 32. High-speed Internet access (abbrev.)
- 34. A people in northeastern Afghanistan
- 35. King of Queens star Remini
- 36. Late night host

- 37. Joint Pub 1-02 acronym for a type of depository account
  - 38. Scene
  - 40. Equal
  - 41. Army equivalent to AFSC
  - 42. Writer Rand
  - 43. Wyoming AFB home to 90th SW; a/c tail marking of FE
  - 46. Wiley E. Coyote’s supplier?
  - 49. Fed. org. concerned with flying safety
  - 51. School in Be’er Sheva, Israel (abbrev.)
  - 52. Aloha gift?
  - 53. Linseed or vegetable
  - 54. Kansas AFB home to 22nd ARW
  - 55. Former California fort
  - 56. Perfect
  - 57. Agreeable answer
  - 58. Avoid capture
- DOWN**
- 1. German AB home to 52nd FW; a/c tail marking of SP
  - 2. Idaho AFB home to 366th FW; a/c tail marking of MO

- 3. Southwest Native American tribe
- 4. Persona \_\_\_\_ grata; unwelcome
- 5. Seaworld attraction
- 6. Rumsfeld’s office symbol
- 8. Florida site home to 16th SOW
- 10. Company head
- 11. Mauna \_\_\_\_
- 13. Steal
- 14. *Run \_\_\_\_ Run* (1999 film)
- 15. *The Simpsons* character
- 20. Sob
- 21. Colorado AFB home to 140th FW; a/c tail marking of CO
- 22. Ram’s horn
- 24. USAF commissioning source
- 27. Olympic gold medal runner Sebastian \_\_\_\_
- 28. Russian mountain range
- 29. Nickname for Jennifer Lopez
- 30. Japan AB home to 18th WG; a/c tail marking of ZZ



- 32. State home to Dover AFB
- 33. Scowl
- 36. Garfield’s favorite food?
- 39. Dallas player
- 40. Boards
- 43. Visage
- 44. Gallops
- 45. Fashion magazine
- 47. Henhouse
- 48. Marsh
- 50. USAF MAJCOM tasked with airlift

# Two new medals recognize units

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche recently approved two new medals recognizing units for outstanding heroism in combat and achievement or service in direct support of combat operations.

The Gallant Unit Citation and the Meritorious Unit Award can be awarded to Air Force active-duty, Reserve and Guard units for actions or service while in direct support of combat operations.

The specifics of each award vary:

## Gallant Unit Citation

This medal is awarded to units for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy of the United States while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force on or after Sept. 11, 2001.

Just after the Presidential Unit Citation in order of precedence, the GUC requires a lesser degree of gallantry, determination and esprit de corps, said personnel officials.

"The unit must have performed with marked distinction under difficult and hazardous con-



**Dr. James Roche**

ditions in accomplishing its mission so as to set it apart from other units participating in the same conflict," said Tech. Sgt. Jeff Simmons, superintendent of the awards and decorations branch at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. "The degree of heroism required is the same as that which would warrant award of the Silver Star which is awarded for gallantry and heroism of high degrees, including risk of life in action."

The GUC ribbon shall be worn immediately before the Joint Meritorious Unit Award. Subsequent awards will be denoted by oak leaf clusters.

## Meritorious Unit Award

This medal is awarded to units for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding achievement or service in direct support of combat operations for at least 90 continuous days during the period of military operations against an armed enemy of the United States on or after Sept. 11, 2001.

"The degree of achievement required is the same as that which would warrant award of the Legion of Merit," said Sergeant Simmons. "Service in a combat zone is not required, but service must be directly related to the combat effort."

The MUA ribbon shall be worn immediately before the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. Subsequent awards will be denoted by oak leaf clusters.

Both medals are currently in the design phase, which may take several months before they're ready for wear. (AFPN)

# Air Force officers leave career to chance by not completing T-ODP

Recent statistics show that a significant percentage of the Air Force's officer corps has not completed or updated the mandatory online form that houses inputs and desires for future assignments and development opportunities.

The Transitional Officer Development Plan hit the street in November and so far more than 30 percent of officers, lieutenant colonel and below, have not completed theirs, officials said.

"This is an officer's direct communication tool in the force development process," said Col. Kathleen Grabowski, chief of assignments programs and procedures at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. "Development teams use these forms to review

an officer's career goals and recommend the best developmental vector for each officer."

"If the T-ODP isn't completed, development teams have zero input from the officer or their commander," said Col. Dave Nuckles, deputy chief of assignment programs and procedures. "The sooner people get their T-ODP done the better."

"Each career field's development team will meet at least twice every year," he said, "it's up to the officer and commander to ensure the T-ODP is current before the team meets."

For example, rated officer development teams are already preparing to meet and have set the following deadlines for submission:

- Monday, Air Force Special

Operations Command and Combat Air Force officers

- July 9, all remaining rated officers

While the T-ODP is similar to the old 'preference worksheet', there are differences. The T-ODP requires officers to consider long range career plans and goals, not just their next assignment preferences, said Colonel Nuckles. It also provides an opportunity for feedback from the development teams to the officer.

Officers can contact their assignment teams for more information about T-ODP submission timelines. To fill out a T-ODP, officers must log in to the Assignment Management System at: <https://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/amsweb/master.cfm>. (AFPN)



# Ready to get your gospel on?

## Hip-hop concert comes to Holloman

by Airman 1st Class

Stephen Collier

49th Fighter Wing

Public Affairs

Get ready for divine intervention as a gospel hip-hop concert cranks out the holy tunes from 7 to 11 p.m., May 1 at the Whispering Sands Community Center.

The Hip-Hop Fellowship Night, sponsored by the base chapel and Holy Culture Radio, a local gospel hip-hop radio show, is free to all service members and their dependents.

The concert uses hip-hop to convey God's message through non-traditional means, Airman 1st Class Victor Padilla, 49th Operations Support Squadron said.

"I think it will open a lot of people's minds up to how hip-hop and Christianity can coincide," Airman Padilla, who is also the co-host of Holy Culture Radio, said. "Many young people have this idea of old time religion that tends to turn them off to the realities of Christianity."

As Holloman gears up for Air Expeditionary Force Nine in early May, Chaplain (Capt.) Bradford Phillips, single's ministry chaplain, said activities like these give Airmen in the dorms a non-intimidating place away from the chapel to go and enjoy themselves without worrying about the upcoming deployment.

The community center was the first choice because it's close to the dormitories, Chaplain Phillips said.

"We just want to let the Airmen hear the music they like with their friends while receiving a positive message at the same time," he said.

The concert's lineup includes Philadelphia hip-hop artist Timothy Brindle and



Courtesy photo

**Gospel hip-hop artist 2Five "The Hood Reverend" will perform May 1 at the community center here. 2Five will join up with fellow artist Mr. Timothy Brindle**

2Five "The Hood Reverend" from Las Vegas, Nev.

2Five said he wanted to let Holloman members know that the Gospel isn't only preached from the pulpit, but also comes from the sound of hip-hop.

"The concert is definitely going to be a revival for some and an encouragement for love and conviction in others," 2Five said.

Before becoming a Christian, he said he wrote music for the mainstream side of hip-hop.

"After I found religion and started to write gospel hip-

hop lyrics," he said, "I found that hearts are touched and softened."

Chaplain Phillips said Airmen can look forward to many other events like the Hip-Hop Fellowship Night that tailor to their lifestyle.

"The concert is a means to reach out to the Airmen," he said. "We have other outings planned for later this year, such as a singles trip to the Grand Canyon. The hip-hop gospel concert is a good night of entertainment that not only gives a positive message to its listeners, but it's a positive time spent with friends."

# What’s going on in the Tularosa Basin and beyond...

### Shooting match

The Otero Practical Shooting Association has an Action Shooting Match at 9 a.m., Saturday at the Sydney Paul Gordon Shooting Range in La Luz. Sign up at 8:30 a.m. The match is open to the public. For more information, call Mr. Butch Rials at 437-3663.

### Tree sale

The 10th annual community Earth Day Fair Committee offers one-year bare root stock trees for sale for 50 cents each. There are 2,000 bur oak, native pecan, desert willow, New Mexico olive, ponderosa pine, hybrid cottonwood, catalpa and Mexican white oak. A large amount of free mulch will also be available. For large quantities of mulch, call Mr. Chuck Galusha at 434-6296 before April 22.

### Tree planting

There will be a tree planting ceremony at 1:30 p.m., April 22 at the Apache Mesa Golf Course Green #8. This Arbor Day celebration for Holloman AFB is to

commemorate the base achieving Tree City U.S.A. designation. For more information, call Ms. Jeanne Dye at 572-3931.

### Cherry festival

The 2004 High Rolls Cherry Festival is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 19 and 20 in High Rolls. There will be entertainment in addition to food and drink, cherry and cherry product sales, plenty of activities for kids, and about 55 arts/crafts vendors from around the region. High Rolls is on U.S. Highway 82, between Alamogordo and Cloudcroft. Parking and admission are free. Visit our Web site at [www.highrollsfestivals.com](http://www.highrollsfestivals.com). For more information, call (505) 682-1151.

### Relay for Life

The Relay for Life event is April 30 to May 1 at Griggs Field in Alamogordo.

For more information or to volunteer, call Ms. Beth Markle 479-6026 or e-mail [eam@zianet.com](mailto:eam@zianet.com).

### Basketball tourney

The Gus Macker three-on-three Basketball Tournament is May 15 and 16 at the Riner Steinhoff Soccer Complex parking lot. Team entry fee is \$100 for mail-ins and \$105 online registration with a credit card. Team registration deadline is April 27 for mail-in and May 2 for online registration. Send registration fee to Gus Macker-Alamogordo, P.O. Box 70, Greenville, Mich., 48838 or go to [www.macker.com](http://www.macker.com). Volunteers are needed as court monitors, scorekeepers and registration.

For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce at 437-6120.

### Free license to OIF vets

New Mexico members of the armed forces who were called up for active duty associated with the Iraq are eligible to receive a free general hunting and fishing license under a state law passed in 2003. New Mexico members of the armed forces who were called up for active duty associated with the Iraq are eligible to receive a free general hunting and fishing license under a state law passed in 2003.

The active duty assignment must have required travel beyond New Mexico’s borders and is valid for one year. The active duty assignment must have required travel beyond New Mexico’s borders and is valid for one year.

The law states the license is available for the year following the year of the member’s deactivation, but those who are eligible may receive them when they are ready.

The free licenses are only available through department offices in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Roswell, Las Cruces and Raton. The free licenses are only available through department offices in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Roswell, Las Cruces and Raton.



## Islam meeting

Muslim military and family members or those interested in Islam are invited to attend a meeting noon, April 23 at the Chapel. Maj. Bassam Fakhouri will lead this event.

## OSI briefings

Air Force Office of Special Investigations will hold their annual level one anti-terrorism briefing at 7:30 a.m., noon and 4:30 p.m., April 27 to 28 at the base theater. All active duty military members are required to attend.

## ALS

Airman Leadership School Class 04-D will have their graduation banquet April 29 in the ballroom of the Oasis Enlisted Club. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m. Class members invite commanders, first sergeants, supervisors, family and friends. Ample seating is available. Contact an ALS student for an invitation. The menu is slow-roasted chicken or vegetable lasagna for \$13 for club members and \$15 for non-members. R.S.V.P. with a student no later than today.

## Armed Forces Day

The third annual Armed Forces Day and Emergency Services Expo is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 8 in Las Cruces. Anyone interested in participating in this event should attend the planning meeting at noon, April 7 at Young Park in Las Cruces.

For more information, call Ms. Jennifer Billings at (505) 382-6416.

## FSC

The Family Support Center offers the following classes and events at the FSC, building 40:

- Spouse employment workshop: 9

to 10:30 a.m., Monday.

- Volunteer recruitment fair: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday.

- Transition assistance program: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

- Disability transition assistance program: 8:30 a.m., Thursday.

For more information, call the FSC at 572-7754 or visit the Web site at [www.mil.holloman.af.mil/sptg/mss/fsc](http://www.mil.holloman.af.mil/sptg/mss/fsc).

## Spring bash

The 49th Security Forces "Spring Bash" is 2 to 5 p.m., Sunday at Steinhoff Park. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided; bring a dish to share. Entertainment will be a bouncing castle for the kids and horseshoes and volleyball for the adults. All active duty security forces and Army families are invited to attend.

For more information, call 479-0256.

## Red Cross

The Red Cross schedule of classes is as follows:

- Community first aid and safety: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday. Cost is \$40.

- Adult CPR: 1 to 3 p.m., Tuesday. Cost is \$20.

- Community first aid and safety: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., April 24 at the Holloman community center. Cost is \$40.

All classes are at the Alamogordo branch, 700 E. First St., #765 unless specified otherwise.

For more information, call the Holloman Red Cross at 572-7066.

## Maintenance course

Housing Maintenance, with help from Home Depot, is sponsoring a screw-driver maintenance class at the self-help store from 8 a.m. to noon, May 22. The class is open to all residents who live in Military Family Housing. There will also be a workshop put on for kids ages 5 to 13 by Home Depot. Sign up at the self-help store, housing maintenance or the housing office. Hot dogs and sodas will be served. There will be licensed supervision for the younger kids while the parents attend the class.

The subjects that will be covered in the screw driver maintenance class are: faucet repair, clearing jammed garbage disposals, toilet repair, repairing chipped sinks, installing items on your walls, closet doors, replacing toilet seats, re-screening screens, replacing doorstops, patching small holes in walls, hanging mini-blinds, replacing doorknobs, replacing cabinet hinges,



Courtesy Photo

## Hoppy Spring

**Jason Conner Jr., 11 months, visits the Easter Bunny during the 49th Communications Squadron Spring Fling March 27.**

changing filters, appliance care, and yard care management.

For more information or to sign up by phone, call 572-5784 or 572-7901.

## Dirt bike meeting

The dirt bike club will meet from 11 a.m. to noon Monday at the community center.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Scott Janssen at 572-7174.

## Graduation

Graduation for students receiving degrees from Community College of the Air Force, Central Texas College, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Park University, Troy State University and University of Phoenix is 2 p.m., April 23 at the enlisted club.

For more information contact the Base Training and Education Center at 572-3971.

## On the BIG SCREEN



### **Starsky and Hutch (PG-13)**

6 and 9 p.m., today

### **Hidalgo (PG-13)**

6 and 9 p.m., Saturday

### **Agent Cody Banks (G)**

6 p.m., Sunday

For a limited time, tickets are 99 cents.







# Holloman pays tribute at a NM veterans' home

by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier  
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

From the shores of Normandy and the sands of Iwo Jima in World War II to the Pusan Perimeter of the Korean War and down into the steamy jungles of South Vietnam, they served their time in combat.

Many of these New Mexico veterans demonstrated bravery on the battlefield and selflessly served in America's past conflicts. And many have found their way to the state's only veterans' retirement home where Holloman members donated time April 9 to show their respect.

The New Mexico Veteran's Center, in Truth or Consequences, is home to 150 veterans from each branch of the service. Volunteers from base visited the small town where they handed out 49th Medical Group hats and T-shirts, and ensured each veteran was taken care of, said Airman 1st Class Crystal Campbell, 49th Medical Operations Squadron Life Skills mental health technician and co-coordinator of the trip.

"Airmen from every unit on base have the opportunity to volunteer their time to show respect for the state's veterans," Airman Campbell said. "It also shows the veterans that we care about them during the seasons."

The visit, sponsored by the Air Force Sergeant's Association, takes place every quarter and coincides with the holiday seasons such as Christmas, Easter, Veterans Day and Independence Day. Master Sgt. Robin LaRocque, 49th Medical Operations Squadron NCO in charge of Life Skills and co-coordinator of the visit, said volunteers from base do more than just visit the home.

"We walk around and talk to each vet to let them know we truly appreciate what they did many years ago," Sergeant LaRocque said. "In the past, we have brought them cards from Holloman Elementary and Middle schools as well as old unit patches and ornaments for the holidays, donated by Team Holloman members. During Veterans Day, the base honor guard comes out to perform and a fly over is provided by either Holloman T-38 Talons or aircraft from the New Mexico Air National Guard."

Because the vets forfeit much of their retirement pay when they choose to live in the home, Sergeant LaRocque said they only receive a small stipend of \$35 a month. Looking for a way to help, the Armed Forces Veterans Home Founda-



Photos by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

**Mr. Tom Colligan, a retired Army medic who served during the American occupation of Germany in 1945, salutes Holloman members in his new 49th Medical Support Squadron hat. Nine Team Holloman members visited the home April 9.**

tion searched for members of a military organization to visit the home to determine what the vets needed. Sergeant LaRocque said she volunteered for the task immediately.

"Five years ago, I became the representative for the AFVHF for this area," she said. "More importantly, when the home became recognized by the Foundation, military members were given the chance to donate to the veterans' home during the annual Combined Federal Campaign. Every year, more and more opportunities become available for servicemembers to help out these vets."

With everything Holloman contributes to the well-being of the vets, Sergeant LaRocque said it all comes down to a basic respect for what these men and women accomplished.

"We just want them to know they aren't alone and that people are here for them," she said.



**Airman 1st Class Crystal Campbell, 49th Medical Operations Squadron, talks with former Army mechanic Tony Cordova about his experiences in Vietnam.**





Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

## Grounded

Rachel Lucas, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Bryan Lucas, 4th Space Control Squadron, reaches for a grounder at third base during practice Tuesday evening. Rachel is a member of the Holloman Lady Falcons. The Lady Falcons participate in the Alamogordo Girls 12 and under youth softball league.

## *S<sup>The</sup>ports Bar*

## World Sports

The Dust'em Off Softball Tourney is Saturday and Sunday at the Holloman softball fields. For more information, call Mr. James Jackson at (505) 639-1665 or Mr. Joey Cocking at 442-9429.

Open badminton play continues at the Fitness and Sports Center from 7 to 10 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. For information on badminton, call the Fitness and Sports Center at 572-3229.

The 9th Annual New Mexico Hike It and Spike It Charity Flag Football Tournament is scheduled for May 28 to 30 at Cielo Grande Recreational Area, 1500 West College Blvd., Roswell. Entry deadline is May 8. Call Mr. Cla Avery of the Roswell Chamber of Commerce at (505) 623-5695 or visit the Web site at [www.roswellgridiron.com](http://www.roswellgridiron.com).

# Springtime renews lawn care responsibilities

*(The following information is provided by the Housing Management Office)*

The spring weather has arrived and numerous housing residents are taking advantage of the great weather.

It's a pleasure to drive around the housing area and see the initiative of the residents. With the summer months approaching and water resources in our area so limited, we must strive to conserve water.

Holloman is currently on the odd/even, two days a week watering schedule. Even numbered houses water Saturdays and Tuesdays; Odd numbered houses water Sundays and Wednesdays. The watering hours are from 5 to 9 a.m., and 5 to 9 p.m.

If you have just planted grass or seed, you may keep them moist on all four days, sticking to the designated hours.

Also, if you have flowers in pots or beds, they may be wa-

tered by hand. Don't use water to clean driveways, sidewalks, patios, other concrete surfaces or vehicles because water is a very limited resource.

Be a good neighbor and conserve the water we share with each other and Alamogordo.

During the fall and winter months there were limited grounds inspections in each area of responsibility.

One method of improving your area is to take advantage of the Self Help Store at Fairchild and Mesquite.

There are numerous items available to assist you at no cost. Several items are available for 24-hour checkout including lawnmowers, weed eaters, rakes and shovels. To make modifications to your yard area you must submit an Air Force Form 332 to Housing Maintenance.

Once the form is approved you can be issued such items as rocks, stepping stones,

gravel, etc.

Plants will be available at the SHS within the next sixty days. You are encouraged to contact housing maintenance or the SHS and place your name on a waiting list for the plants.

There will be periodic written notifications given to residents in violation of mowing, edging, trimming, watering and maintenance of areas where pets reside.

The first notice of violation will be provided to the member's first sergeant and commander for squadron assistance.

The second notice of violation will also be provided to the first sergeant and squadron commander, and the third notice, if issued within a one-year time frame, will be provided to both of the above and the 49th Mission Support Group commander. This could be cause for eviction from military family housing.

In reference to your area of



Photo by Senior Airman Martha Whipple

**Before watering the lawn, check the schedule. Watering hours are from 5 to 9 a.m. and 5 to 9 p.m. Even numbered houses water Saturdays and Tuesdays and odd numbered houses water Sundays and Wednesdays.**

responsibilities, please refer to Housing Pamphlet 32-7. These pamphlets are available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Housing Office, building 71.

This will provide you guid-

ance and if you have questions, call the housing facilities section at 572-3983.

Together we can improve the appearance of our housing area by working as a team!

# A new Air Force special-duty assignment process under way

Enlisted assignments division officials at the Air Force Personnel Center here unveiled a new assignment process to account for many special-duty jobs now being coded as maximum tour assignments in the continental United States.

The new process, starting in mid-April, is called the CONUS Mandatory Mover program. The majority of those affected include: recruiters, military training instructors, military training leaders, technical training instructors, Air Education and Training Command's professional military education instructors and people assigned to joint/departments agencies.

Airmen serving in these positions will compete for their next assignment using the Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing for Overseas Returnees once they reach their maximum tour date.

"We've got people in these special jobs (who), for the good of professional development and the Air Force, need to get back into their primary specialty or mainstream Air Force," said Chief Master Sgt. Carlton McCoy, superintendent of the Airman assignments division at the center. "We've long recognized that

Airmen in this category weren't being provided visibility to Air Force manning requirements. Adding them to the EQUAL process is necessary for the fairness, equity and visibility of their assignments."

The next listing for those returning from overseas August to October will be posted April 13. Around 600 to 800 CONUS Mandatory Movers whose maximum tour ends between August and October will also participate in this cycle.

Because these Airmen are being identified in advance, major commands can voice their requirements of where they need people the most.

Assignments officials take the number of CMMs and overseas returnees and create a list of available assignments on a one-for-one basis, said Master Sgt. Tammy Brangard, superintendent of first sergeant and special-duty assignments at the center.

"Because of the larger pool of potential movers, this program will enhance the opportunities out there," she said.

On the flip side, the Airman can also track his or her availability — something that could not be done before.

"Very similar to a [Date Eligible for Return from Over-

seas], these mandatory movers will know the timing of their (permanent change of station) and can update their preference sheet according to what's available," Sergeant Brangard said.

About 12 months before Airmen on a CMM tour reach the end of their assignment, they will be notified of their options and given details of what can be expected.

Those identified can apply for a base of preference assignment if they have enough time on station, compete for an EQUAL Plus special-duty job or move under the EQUAL Overseas Returnee/CMM program.

"While the needs of the Air Force come first, we're obligated to provide the troops the opportunity to align their preferences to Air Force needs ... and hopefully that helps them get to where they want to be," Chief McCoy said.

Airmen can go to the Assignment Management System online to see the assignment listings at <https://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/amsweb/master.cfm>.

For more information, Airmen can contact their local military personnel flight or call the Air Force Contact Center at (800) 616-3775. (AFPN)

## Overseas returnee listing available

The Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing for people returning from overseas August to October became available Saturday.

Around 600-800 CONUS Mandatory Movers whose maximum tour ends from August to October will also participate in this cycle.

Individuals need to work through their military personnel flights or their commander's support staff to update their preferences by April 30.

Airmen will be notified of their selection by mid-May, said officials.

EQUAL advertises upcoming assignment requirements, by Air Force specialty code and rank. People should review, prioritize and update their assignment preferences based on the EQUAL list, officials said.

People can view the lists from the AFPC home page at <http://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/amsweb/master.cfm> or at the local Military Personnel Flight here at 572-7277.

Those on temporary duty during the advertising period can contact the nearest personnel office for assistance. (AFPN)





# Software helps Airmen track fitness progress

by Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez

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The Air Force recently released a tool to help Airmen keep track of their fitness efforts.

The Air Force Fitness Management System is available to all Airmen through the Air Force Portal.

The system provides a history of their fitness scores and allows unit fitness managers to enter new scores. It is now the official method to track fitness progress within the Air Force, said Maj. Maureen Harback, the system's program coordinator.

"The purpose of the (system) is to track fitness-assessment results and provide data to commanders," Major

Harback said. The system is intended for active-duty, Guard and Reserve Airmen.

The system will keep a history of each Airman's fitness scores. The data is not stored on paper in an Airman's record or even on a computer at an Airman's installation, but rather in an Air Force-wide database.

This allows fitness scores to travel with Airmen automatically as they change stations.

The universal availability of the data helps ensure Airmen stay current on their fitness assessments, Major Harback said.

"If an Airman transfers to another base and is not current on their fitness assessment, they will show up as not

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**Maj. Maureen Harback**

*Fitness Management System coordinator*

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current in the (system)," Major Harback said. "Unit fitness program managers and commanders will then need to take action on those members."

Many units are still doing monthly

practice assessments so Airmen can get themselves into shape for an official assessment, she said.

The system does not record practice assessments, but it does include a calculator allowing Airmen to enter numbers from their practice assessments to see how they would score, Major Harback said.

"Airmen will have better visibility of their fitness over time, and they can take actions to address their deficiencies or continue working on their strengths," she said.

This fall, commanders will be able to generate reports to track an Airman's progress through education and intervention programs, Major Harback said. *(AFPN)*



Photos by Mr. Tom Fuller



## On the record

**Lt. Col. Christopher Williams, 49th Operations Group, and 1st Lt. Ryan Anderson, 49th Materiel Maintenance Group, talk about Holloman's role in Operation Iraqi Freedom after the one-year anniversary of the start of the war. KRWG-TV, the PBS affiliate at Las Cruces aired the program in March.**



